



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**ALASKA:** There were **7 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures remained above normal in most locations but precipitation was generally lower than normal. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as 2 days behind normal statewide. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 25% short, 75% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 5% poor 15% fair, 65% good, 15% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 40% poor, 35% fair, 25% good.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **7 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as 4 days behind normal as areas of some fields remain too wet to work. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 15% short, 85% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 10% poor, 30% fair, 35% good, 25% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 75% poor, 25% fair. Night time temperatures remained cool with below freezing temperatures over the weekend. **Farm activities** for the week included limited field work with barley, oats and peas being seeded, fertilizer was being spread, weed spraying has started, manure was being piled, some cattle being put on pasture due to limited hay supplies.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **7 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as normal but behind last year. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 40% short, 60% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 5% fair, 80% good, 15% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 10% poor, 35% fair, 55% good. **Farm activities** for the week included planting commercial vegetables, seeding small grains, managing livestock, cleaning up fields, fertilizing. Local greenhouses are open for business. Hay fields and pastures continue to green up nicely.

**KENAI PENINSULA:** An average of **7 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as normal. Soil temperatures were in the mid 40's. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 10% short, 90% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 10% fair, 90% good. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 95% fair, 5% good. There are some pastures with two to three inches of growth which will improve grazing. Onion, chives and other monocots are beginning growth from the previous year. Planting crops should begin after a few more days of warm weather soils.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture -- State.....	0	15	75	10
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	80	20
Matanuska Valley.....	0	35	65	0
Kenai Peninsula.....	0	0	100	0
Subsoil Moisture -- State .....	0	5	85	10
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	80	20
Matanuska Valley.....	0	15	85	0
Kenai Peninsula.....	0	0	100	0

### Soil Temperatures (F °) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	35	36	37	na	na	na	77	26	0.01
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	32	35	na	35	44	na	68	35	0.05

Pan evaporation <sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm : 1.18

na - not available.

## Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley planted.....	10	<5	68	41
Oats planted.....	5	<5	74	45
Potatoes planted.....	<5	0	34	19

na – not available

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